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Kernan Names Tim Monger Director of Commerce's Region Seven Office in Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS – Tim Monger, a well-known central Indiana economic developer, today became the newest member at the Indiana Department of Commerce team.

As part of the ongoing modernization of Commerce, Lt. Governor Joe Kernan selected Monger to serve as director of Region Seven, which includes Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Morgan and Shelby counties.

"This regional approach is a bold change to the way we attract and keep quality businesses," said Kernan who serves as director of the Department of Commerce. "It is arguably the biggest undertaking in the agency's history, and we're confident that it will pay off with more good jobs for Hoosiers.

"We are thrilled to have someone like Tim Monger join our efforts. He brings a remarkable amount of experience and knowledge to this position – he has been there and done that – and he will be a great asset for central Indiana" the lieutenant governor added.

Currently serving as president and group chair for Indianapolis-based Monger & Associates, Inc. and TEC International, he has worked in business and community development for more than 15 years.

Monger previously served as the senior vice president for the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association, and is a former president of the Indianapolis Economic Development Corp. He also served as an executive assistant for economic development under Indianapolis Mayor Bill Hudnut and is a past president of the Indiana Economic Development Association. Monger earned both a bachelor's and master's degree from Purdue University.

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As regional director, Monger will act as Commerce's representative in the field and will be responsible for the overall management of the regional office and delivery of agency services. In addition, Monger will develop and maintain partnerships with regional business and community organizations and their leaders, collaborate with regional governments and local organizations on economic development projects, evaluate regional development needs and formulate a regional strategic plan, as well as educate the public on Commerce programs and services.

"I am excited about joining Lt. Governor Kernan's team at Commerce" said Monger. "This is a great opportunity to be involved in some very progressive initiatives being pursued in this region."

Co-located in the Department of Commerce headquarters, located at One North Capitol, Region Seven's staff will also include a program manger and an administrative assistant which will soon be hired.

Lt. Governor Kernan announced plans to modernize the Department of Commerce in July after more than a year and a half of research. Since October 1, Kernan has unveiled regional directors and office locations in Regions Ten (Bloomington), Four (Kokomo), Six (Terre Haute), Nine (Madison), Two (South Bend), One (Gary), 12 (New Albany), 11 (Evansville), Eight (Muncie) and Three (Fort Wayne). He will name the director and office location for Region 5 (Lafayette/West Lafayette) on Thursday.

For more information on the Indiana Department of Commerce, the new regional offices or its programs, contact Jeff Harris, media relations director, at 317.232.2464 or visit the Web site at www.indianacommerce.com

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